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Appl. No. 09/724,319 Response dated January 12, 2009 Reply to Office Communication of September 10, 2008

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Communication mailed September 10, 2008, which stated that the response filed June 11, 2008 was not fully responsive to the Office Action mailed January 11, 2008 because the remarks did not address the double patenting rejections. Applicant addresses the double patenting rejections set forth in the January 11, 2008 Office Action below.

The claims stand provisionally rejected for obviousness type double patenting over claims 164, 168, 173, 175-197, 201, 208-217, and 220-229 of US Application No. 10/923,474. Applicant notes than a Notice of Abandonment was mailed for US Application No. 10/923,474 on February 28, 2008. Thus, the rejection is moot.

The claims also stand provisionally rejected for obviousness type double patenting over US Application Nos. 10/923,469 and 10/923,471. Applicants propose the issues be held in abeyance until indication of allowability in the present case. Applicant will then consider providing a terminal disclaimer over cited cases provided the cited case has been or is about to patented, the claims in the cited case have not been divided from those in the present case by restriction requirement or election of species, and the claims in the cited case are in conflict with those in the present case at this time.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted

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